

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB

MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 1933

The following people were unanimously elected to membership in the club: Miss Ruth M. Anderson, 66 East 83rd Street New York; Miss Dorothy Jewett, 434 Richmond Avenue, Maplewood, N. J.; Mr. George M. Krall, West Trenton, N. J.; Mrs. S. W. Peloubet, 228 Sagamore Road, Maplewood, N. J.; Mr. Charles H. Sass, 1824 Colden Avenue, Bronx, New York; Mr. George Henry Schneller, 105-19 37th Avenue, Corona, New York; Dr. MacMillan Wright, 97 Summit Avenue, Montclair, N. J.; Miss Anna M. Wychoff, 1104 4th Avenue, Asbury Park, N. J.

The resignations of Mr. George Hume Smith and Mr. Paul Patterson were accepted with regret.

The loss of two members, Mr. William A. Rauchuck and Dr. Ephraim Nobel Lowe through death, was reported.

It was voted that a committee be appointed by the President to write resolutions of commendation to John D. Rockefeller on his gift of land to the Palisade Interstate Park. Dr. R. A. Harper and Dr. B. O. Dodge were appointed.

The President called on various members of the club to tell of their field experiences during the summer.

Miss Nicholson told of her trip in the South. Mr. Hastings spoke of his collecting at his camp this summer. Mr. Torrey told about a trip along the St. Lawrence and Gaspé Bay region. Dr. Harper told of his experience in growing the compass plant, *Silphium* sp. and flowering sedge and expressed a desire for seeds of *Silphium* of local origin for comparison with the Western species which he is growing.

Dr. Dodge asked if members of the club would tell about stands of southern white cedar, *Chamaecyparis thyooides*, on Long Island and Dr. Svensen was able to mention several of these.

Dr. Hazen told about his trip in England and his collecting around Plymouth and about the meeting of the British Association during the summer, particularly emphasizing that the English made more of a social event than a business gathering of it. He also mentioned the very fine collection of Sundews and

American Pitcher Plants at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, and brought up the question why more of these things are not found in American botanical gardens. Professor Blakeslee said that uncommon things are found in American gardens and local things are neglected.

Mrs. Goode mentioned that the clubs in South Carolina were very successful in preventing people from dumping rubbish on waste lots and woodlands by simply publishing in the local papers instances of such violations.

Dr. Sinnott emphasized the severity of the drouth through Western Connecticut during July. He said that in his home in Woodbury during August and September many of the spring flowers blossomed a second time due to the check of their growth during the drouth. He also mentioned the abundance of the very tall fringed gentian during this season around his place. Sometimes it disappears from a locality for a number of years and then comes back. He also mentioned that the shag-bark hickory has very little fruit this year.

Dr. Blakeslee brought up the question of periodic fruiting of white pine, whether this was due to climatic or other influences.

Dr. Gunderson spoke of his stay in the Catskills and specially mentioned the six species of club mosses found around his camp there. He brought out the fact that these are often found growing together there whereas in most places in Europe there is frequently only one species in a locality, the distribution being local.

Mrs. Anderson told about the Torrey Club trip to the White Mountains which she led in September for lichens and emphasized particularly the distribution on the Summit of Mt. Kata-din where she found more species of *Cetraria* than *Cladonia*. The *Cetrarias* are better adapted to dry and exposed places. The *Cladonias* being more common in sheltered and places near trees and edges of rocks.

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Secretary